Montana State Library

This cover sheet created by Internet Archive for formatting.

S
331
E10m

MONTANA LABOR MARKET

RECEIVED
DEC 29 1959
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY

Monthly Review of
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK, LABOR SUPPLY, LABOR DEMAND, CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

MONTANA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
Division of Unemployment Compensation Commission of Montana

Albert F. Root, Commissioner | Chadwick H. Smith, Chairman | Paul R. McClure, Commissioner
Mitchell Building — P. O. Box 1728 — Helena, Montana

FL. 201. NOVEMBER, 1959.

Seasonal Decline Starts; Employment Levels Down

Employment totals in Montana's diverse labor markets began to recede with the onset of the winter season. Reflected in the October estimates of non-farm employment are diminishing employment levels in the construction, lumbering, trade and service, transportation and utilities, and finance, insurance, and real estate industrial groups. At mid-October the figure of Montana wage earners on payrolls of industry and commerce is estimated at 155,800, a loss of 2,700 from September and 6,200 from a year ago. The current figure is the lowest October employment total since 1954 at which time a metal mining dispute was also in progress, and falls 5,000 short of the October employment average for the nine years, 1950-1958.

Construction Down 1,600

Extensive layoffs of construction crews occurred during October. More may be expected during November and December if weather conditions worsen. Completion of some phases of work at the Noxon Rapids Dam idled carpenters, machinists, and laborers. Steel work on the highway bridge below Thompson Falls was completed with decking postponed until next Spring. Road building and highway improvement projects at various points in the state have also been discontinued until warmer temperatures prevail. Some larger building projects were completed during the month including multi-million dollar shopping centers at Billings and Great Falls. Employment at the Glasgow air base was reduced by 265 to 1,175. One hundred seventy-five were employed on the base housing project, a drop of 77 from September employment. Inside work is expected to continue on enclosed structures during the winter months. As weather permits, work will continue on Missoula's 2½ million dollar plywood plant, the ½ million dollar motor motel at Butte, and other sizeable building projects at Helena, Billings, and Great Falls.

STATE'S SURPLUS MANPOWER OVER 10,000 AT START OF NORMAL SEASONAL DOWNTURN

As October ended, the metal mining strike was in the 73rd day, the tourist season was gone, cold weather nipped away at employment totals in construction and other outside activities, the lumber industry began to face a lighter market demand, and the period of high agricultural demand was past. The stage was set for the beginning of another winter labor market cycle in Montana. During these months thousands of idled seasonal workers cannot do much more than wait until the winter pallor of the state's labor market complexion is revived by the forces of Spring.

Reserve Labor Supply Mounts

October labor supply in Montana, already at high proportions when the month began, grew to a sizeable 10,166 at the end of the month. This is more than double the average October job seeker count for the past nine years, and over 6,000 more than the October 1954 job seeker figure. During that year a metal mining dispute was settled at mid-October. Half of all the state's job seekers were concentrated in the metal mining struck areas of Anaconda, Butte, and Great Falls where secondary layoffs continued to widen in terms of areas and industries affected. Claims for unemployment compensation confirm the increased unemployment with 7,803 job insurance claimants as of November 6 against 5,490 a year ago. Over half of the $573,395 in unemployment compensation benefit payments made in Montana during October went to claimants in Deer Lodge and Silver Bow Counties and helped to provide at least minimum purchasing power for many of the idled workers in those communities.

Lumber Strike Settled

Settlement of the two-month-old lumber and sawmill workers dispute at Missoula left only the metal mining distpute to be resoved. The new lumber union contract will remain in effect until November 1, 1960. On the metal mining negotiation scene a faint spark of hope is seen in the meeting scheduled November 19, between union and management officials. Federal mediators will be present in an effort to bring the lengthy dispute to an end.

Trade and Service Lose 2,000

End of the tourist season, and loss of purchasing power in areas hard hit by the metal mining dispute brought employment down 1,000 each in trade and service industries from September totals. There was also "hidden unemployment" in the form of shortened work weeks in business establishments along main streets of Butte and Anaconda.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN MANUFACTURING AND MINING INDUSTRIES
(per 100 employees)

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATE						SEPARATION RATE								
	Total			New Hire			Total			Quit			Layoff		
	1) Sep 1959	2) Aug 1959	Sep. 1958	Sep. 1959	Aug. 1959	Sep. 1958	Sep. 1959	Aug. 1959	Sep. 1958	Sep. 1959	Aug. 1959	Sep. 1958	Sep. 1959	Aug. 1959	Sep. 1958
3) All Manufacturing	4)	4)	3.9	4)	4)	3.3	4)	4)	5.4	4)	4)	3.5	4)	4)	1.1
Durable Goods	4)	4)	4.6	4)	4)	3.7	4)	4)	6.1	4)	4)	4.3	4)	4)	0.9
Primary Metal	4)	4)	2.5	4)	4)	0.6	4)	4)	4.2	4)	4)	3.0	4)	4)	0.8
3) Nondurable Goods	2.8	4.5	2.6	2.7	3.5	2.4	5.2	5.2	4.1	2.9	2.8	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.4
All Mining	4)	4)	2.7	4)	4)	0.8	4)	4)	3.7	4)	4)	2.1	4)	4)	1.1
Metal Mining	4)	4)	2.3	4)	4)	0.1	4)	4)	3.6	4)	4)	1.9	4)	4)	1.1

1) Preliminary rates based on all data available at publication time. 2) Figures previously revised on more complete returns.
3) Excludes sugar and canning industries. Total separations include discharges and miscellaneous separations.
1959 rates not strictly comparable with 1958 rates due to change in reporting form from which basic data are obtained.
4) Figures not available due to industry wide labor dispute in metal mining and primary metals. *Less than 0.05.

Montana State Library
3 0864 1004 5058 7

Along the Hiring Line—Field Summary Nov. 1

ANACONDA, Deer Lodge, Philipsburg—(193 jobseekers, 39 new; 113 men, 80 women). Spreading effects of metal mining dispute continues to weaken local economy; every major industrial group affected. Potato harvest completed releasing hundreds of seasonal workers. No upturn seen in labor market activity until strike settled.

BILLINGS, Columbus, Hardin, Hysham, Laurel Red Lodge, Roundup—(1,090 jobseekers, 617 new; 714 men, 376 women). Construction work forces reduced moderately as some jobs completed and others closed for winter. Building permits during month totaled nearly $600,000. Most major highway and bridge projects in area still active with some completed. Railroad employment cut to winter crews in track and maintenance forces. Trade industries report good volume; new super market scheduled for opening November 3 to employ 160. Sugar beet harvest set back several weeks by cold weather but 80 per cent completed.

BOZEMAN, Ennis, Three Forks, Trident—(369 jobseekers, 173 new; 241 men, 128 women). City and state college building projects making good progress with adequate local labor supply. 40 unit home development project in progress with sewer lines, water mains and street construction to continue as the weather permits. Full employment in lumbering and logging with logs being stockpiled at mill to allow continued operations. Potato harvest completed; other agricultural labor demand at minimum.

BUTTE, Virginia City, Whitehall—(2,640 jobseekers, 179 new; 2,345 men, 295 women). Labor market conditions worsen as metal mining strike enters 11th week; no immediate signs of early settlement. Further layoffs of trade and service workers, and small business closures. Major building projects include half million dollar motel and college student union building. Skilled workers leaving area for employment at other Montana points and neighboring states.

CUT BANK—(229 jobseekers, 117 new; 169 men, 60 women). Weather caused intermittent layoffs of construction workers during October. Highway jobs nearly completed with work forces reduced to only normal maintenance crews. Steel shortages suspended work at radar base facilities. Shelby to Cut Bank power line nearly completed with maintenance work and grain hauling major farm activities during month.

DILLON—(151 jobseekers, 72 new; 106 men, 45 women). Variety of commercial, residential, and remodeling projects keeping most building craftsmen employed. Work half completed on airport construction. Potato harvest completed with some idled workers to be rehired next few weeks for work in potato cellars. Possibility of additional sawmills in area as 40 million feet of timber offered for bids.

GLASGOW, Fort Peck, Malta, Opheim—(85 jobseekers, 108 new; 29 men, 56 women). Work forces at Glasgow air base project cut 265 to a total of 1,175. Base housing projects employing 175 with no replacement of workers lost during recent weather caused shutdowns. No project activity yet seen on two missile base sites or commercial development of lots next to air base. Fort Peck power house project keeps steady pace with stable employment; work expected to close during cold weather.

GLENDIVE, Circle, Wibaux—(112 jobseekers, 126 new; 80 men, 32 women). Most construction projects on day-to-day basis because of weather conditions. Major highway projects nearly completed with only finishing touches in shape of guard rails, painting, and sign erection. Oil field activity chiefly of service nature with seismograph crews and wildcat drilling active in the Circle area. Trade and service industries holding at good levels. Sugar beet harvest now 70 per cent completed.

GREAT FALLS, Choteau, Fort Benton, Stanford—(1,805 jobseekers, 607 new; 1,226 men, 579 women). Construction cutbacks prevalent during the month due to weather. Teamsters' strike settled during the month. Trade industry hiring highlighted by projected opening of new shopping center to employ 200. Some decline noted in service industries as tourist season ends. Unemployment nearly double that of year ago because of continuing metal mining dispute. Agricultural hiring up during month due to bountiful potato harvest but diminishing as month ended.

HAMILTON, Stevensville—(151 jobseekers, 63 new; 93 men, 58 women). Seasonal workers leaving area as most agricultural activities end. Wet weather caused temporary interruptions in logging and layoffs in some mills. Fluorspar mining operations resumed with only half of normal crew. Sugar beet and potato harvest now completed after weather caused delays.

HAVRE, Chinook, Harlem—(206 job seekers, 147 new; 132 men, 74 women). Area economy in good shape and on par with last year. Some weather caused layoffs occurred in construction and other outside work. Agricultural activity lessened with adverse weather delaying field work and the sugar beet and potato harvests. Trade and service volume good with additional hiring forecast for coming holiday season.

HELENA, Boulder ,Garrison, Townsend, White Sulphur Springs—(441 jobseekers, 157 new; 305 men, 136 women). Overall employment picture remains good despite some cutbacks in construction and other outside endeavors. Steel shortages caused shutdown or temporary suspension of some projects. New bank building completed during month; scheduled for opening early November. No new construction projects on winter agenda. Demand continues for female workers in the sales, service and clerical categories. Farm labor demand slow.

KALISPELL, Columbia Falls, Eureka, Libby, Whitefish—(734 jobseekers, 303 new 469 men, 265 women). Labor market activity highlighted by employment gains in construction, trade, and Xmas tree harvest. Intermittent suspensions in logging during month as wet weather and soft access roads idled some logging crews. Remodeling of two banks, new home construction, and increased activity at Lakeside radar base provided additional construction hires. Brisk activity at Christmas tree yards with increased jobs for balers, graders, and yard men.

LEWISTOWN, Harlowton, Ryegate, Winnett—(90 jobseekers, 67 new; 54 men, 36 women). Stable employment in most major industrial groups with most October hires in Christmas tree harvest, trade, and construction. Farm labor demand down as most seasonal activities ended. Women make up nearly half of job seekers, chiefly in clerical and sales classifications.

LIVINGSTON, Big Timber—(159 jobseekers, 109 new; 83 men, 76 women). Logging and sawmill activities good with only temporary interruptions during the month. Logs stockpiled in woods await improved road conditions for hauling to mills. Major highway project keeps 100 men employed. Commercial, residential, and remodeling

LABOR MARKET INDICATORS

	Oct. 1959	Sept. 1959	Oct. 1958	Oct. Avg. 1950-58
Employment—				
Industrial Employment	155,800	158,500	162,000	160,800
New Job Applicants	3,850	4,408	3,619	2,756
Job Applicants, End of Month	10,166	8,802	8,586	4,267
Insured Unemployment, Week of	**Nov. 6 1959**	**Oct. 9 1959**	**Nov. 7 1958**	**Avg. 1st Nov. Wk. 1955-59**
New and Renewal Claims	1,676	1,069	1,183	1,076
Unemployed Weeks Filed	6,127	4,473	4,307	3,488
Total Unemployment Claims	7,803	5,542	5,490	4,564

NINE YEARS OF MONTANA INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT TOTALS, BY MONTHS (in Thousands)

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Aver.
1951	141.9	139.4	140.3	145.9	149.4	154.1	153.5	154.6	154.3	152.4	151.7	150.6	149.0
1952	140.5	140.7	143.0	149.7	154.8	159.9	159.5	161.2	160.4	157.9	156.0	154.9	153.2
1953	145.8	144.5	146.3	149.7	153.1	158.0	158.5	160.6	160.3	159.6	157.6	156.4	154.2
1954	146.7	145.5	147.2	151.1	155.7	161.6	164.1	165.4	154.8	153.9	158.2	155.7	155.0
1955	148.4	146.8	147.4	153.4	158.4	166.8	168.2	170.4	169.8	165.9	162.4	160.3	159.8
1956	154 3	152.1	154.2	160.7	167.0	175.0	175.7	177.5	176.9	173.6	167.9	165.2	166.7
1957	159 0	157.8	158.6	163.0	168.6	174.8	176.9	176.8	175.2	170.0	165.4	161.1	167 3
1958	151.9	149.0	149.2	153.6	159.0	164.5	165.0	167.0	165.0	162.0	160.0	157.8	158.7
1959	152.2	150.9	152.3	158.2	162 6	167.8	167.1	169.7	158.5	155.8*			

*Preliminary estimate.

Along the Hiring Line—Field Summary Nov. 1

projects keep most contractors busy. Test oil well being drilled in town with 13 employed. Railroad employment fairly stable with some reduction in section crews. Farm work diminishing with fall plowing and seeding major activities.

MILES CITY, Baker, Ekalaka, Broadus, Jordan, Terry—(106 jobseekers, 97 new; 74 men, 32 women). Construction forces cut due to material shortages and labor disputes. Trade at normal levels with no new hiring. Surplus of cooks and waitresses result of temporary closure of one cafe. Little demand for farm help; colder weather should provide orders for livestock feeders.

MISSOULA, Drummond, Arlee, Superior—(948 jobseekers, 529 new; 652 men, 296 women). Lumber industry dispute settled after two month shutdown of major mill. Preliminary work began on 2½ million dollar plywood plant with potential plant employment of 200 when completed next fall. Sugar beet campaign behind schedule due to muddy fields and freezing weather. Maximum activity in Christmas tree harvest.

POLSON—(139 jobseekers, 62 new; 94 men, 45 women). New construction starts include retail store building, 15-unit motel, and doctor's office. Local lumber mills stockpiling logs to last through winter months and allow uninterrupted plant operations. Potato harvest completed; Christmas tree harvest to run through middle December. Local labor supply adequate.

SHELBY—(179 jobseekers, 86 new; 128 men, 51 women). Construction on day-to-day basis as weather allows. Rebuilding of fire-damaged Main Street buildings made good progress with one building reopened: two set for occupying next month. Bond issue for million dollar high school approved with work slated to start next spring. Hiring in trade and service industries for replacements only. Farm work diminishing with most seasonal activities at an end.

SIDNEY—(95 jobseekers, 69 new; 45 men, 50 women). Commercial and residential construction highlighted the October labor market scene. Road projects limited to improvement of city and county thoroughfares with no main highway projects in area. Oil activities in land leasing with no large scale drilling projects expected during winter. Safflower harvest completed. Sugar beet harvest several weeks behind schedule but now 70 per cent completed.

THOMPSON FALLS, Hot Springs—(105 jobseekers, 55 new; 87 men, 18 women). Completion of some phases of Noxon Dam resulted in layoffs of carpenters, machinists and laborers. Steel work on highway bridge completed with decking to be done next spring. Logging and sawmill production held to near peak levels despite some weather caused delays. Volume of Christmas tree harvest above last year.

WOLF POINT, Plentywood, Scobey—(139 jobseekers, 68 new; 92 men, 47 women). Construction employment up as work pushed for completion before winter shutdown. Work continues on grain elevators, Safflower plant, highway bridge and lesser projects. Oil field employment fairly stable but some seismograph crews transferred to other areas. Trade and service employment holding well with only light hiring. Farm activity limited to fencing, rock picking, repair and maintenance.

ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT IN NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN MONTANA (1)

(Compiled in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			Net Change	
	Oct. 1959 (2)	Sept. 1959 (3)	Oct. 1958	Sept. '59 to Oct. '59	Oct. '58 to Oct. '59
NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES	155,800	158,500	162,000	— 2,700	— 6,200
Manufacturing	17,700	17,100	21,400	600	— 3,700
Durable goods	9,400	9,800	12,600	— 400	— 3,200
Lumber and timber products	6,600	7,000	7,200	— 400	— 600
Primary metals	1,500	1,500	4,000	00	— 2,500
Other (4)	1,300	1,300	1,400	00	— 1 00
Nondurable goods	8,300	7,300	8,800	1,000	— 500
Food and kindred products	5,000	4,000	5,100	1,000	— 100
Printing and publishing	1,800	1,800	1,700	00	100
Petroleum refining	900	900	1,000	00	— 100
Other (5)	600	600	1,000	00	— 400
Mining	5,100	5,100	8,600	00	— 3,500
Metal mining	1,700	1,700	5,100	00	— 3,400
Coal, quarrying and nonmetallic	700	700	800	00	— 100
Petroleum-natural gas productson	2,700	2,700	2,700	00	00
Contract Construction	11,800	13,400	12,300	— 1,600	— 500
Conractors, building construction	3,700	4,300	4,500	— 600	— 800
Contractors, other than building	3,700	4,700	4,000	— 1,000	— 300
Contractors, special trade	4,400	4,400	3,800	00	600
Transportation and utilities	19,700	19,800	19,100	— 100	600
Interstate railroads	9,500	9,600	9,800	— 100	— 300
Transportation except railroads	4,200	4,100	3,500	100	700
Utilities including communication	6,000	6,100	5,800	— 100	200
Trade	37,700	38,700	38,000	— 1,000	— 300
Wholesale trade	7,700	7,700	7,900	00	— 200
Retail trade	30,000	31,000	30,100	— 1,000	— 100
General merchandise and apparel	5,900	5,900	6,000	00	— 100
Food stores	4,500	4,500	4,400	00	100
Eating and drinking establishments	7,400	7,900	7,400	— 500	00
Automotive and filling stations	6,000	6,300	6,000	— 300	00
Retail trade not elsewhere classified	6,200	6,400	6,300	— 200	— 100
Finance, insurance and real estate	5,800	6,000	5,800	— 200	00
Services and miscellaneous	20,200	21,200	20,100	— 1,000	100
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, etc	2,300	2,800	2,600	— 500	— 300
Personal services	2,200	2,200	2,200	00	00
Other (6)	15,700	16,200	15,300	— 500	400
Government	37,800	37,200	36,700	600	1,100
Federal	9,100	9,300	8,900	— 200	200
State and local	28,700	27,900	27,800	800	900
Great Falls Area (Cascade County)	18,200	18,400	19,400	— 200	— 1,200
Manufacturing	1,900	1,800	3,000	100	— 1,100
Contract construction	1,900	1,900	2,100	00	— 200
Transportation and utilities	2,200	2,200	2,200	00	00
Trade, wholesale and retail	5,400	5,600	5,400	— 200	00
Services and miscellaneous (7)	3,900	3,900	3,900	00	00
Government	2,900	3,000	2,800	— 100	100

(1) Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Proprietors, firm members, personnel of the armed forces, domestic servants, and self-employed persons are excluded.

(2) Preliminary estimates based on return from samples of 773 selected Montana establishments.

(3) Figures previously released have been revised on return from 1,124 such establishments.

(4) Includes fabricated metal products, machinery except electrical, furniture, stone and clay products.

(5) Includes apparel, chemicals, and miscellaneous manufacturing products.

(6) Includes commercial trade schools, auto repair services and garages, miscellaneous repair services and hand trades, motion pictures, amusements and recreation, medical and health, law offices and professional services, non-profit membership organizations and businesses not otherwise classified.

(7) Same as (6) above, also includes finance, real estate and mining.

COMPARISON OF BASIC LABOR MARKET ACTIVITIES IN OCT. 1959 AND OCT. 1958

Employment Service Office	New Job Applicants				Jobseekers in File				Job Placement								U.I. Claims Wk. 11-6	
	Oct. 1959		Oct. 1958		Oct. 1959		Oct. 1958		Oct. 1959				Oct. 1958					
	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Ind.	Ag.	Tot.	Vet.	Ind.	Ag.	Tot.	Vet.	1959	1958
Anaconda	39	8	109	30	193	51	305	76	14	153	167	43	30	535	565	99	1,085	253
Billings	617	121	558	146	1,090	261	1,193	334	575	309	884	303	510	309	819	354	766	615
Bozeman	173	45	191	47	369	86	401	111	188	345	533	103	173	209	382	87	74	103
Butte	179	46	272	69	2,640	745	1,644	531	55	1	56	15	143	3	146	55	2,073	1,057
Cut Bank	117	47	72	32	229	80	190	77	69	25	94	60	86	37	123	63	140	127
Dillon	72	25	63	25	151	44	137	47	39	64	103	57	38	64	102	59	83	89
Glasgow	108	33	99	38	85	6	119	25	215	19	234	99	159	19	178	75	86	123
Glendive	126	36	82	18	112	23	104	24	126	34	160	51	72	42	114	34	40	63
Great Falls	607	158	489	86	1,805	527	910	205	408	277	685	128	343	192	535	176	952	569
Hamilton	63	19	40	12	151	57	181	49	51	306	357	26	77	246	323	62	112	84
Havre	147	36	89	28	206	58	181	52	190	78	268	116	157	88	245	86	173	180
Helena	157	46	325	92	441	120	504	144	141	31	172	67	111	30	141	63	334	296
Kalispell	303	66	332	88	734	133	689	155	280	91	371	108	232	31	263	76	498	590
Lewistown	67	17	52	20	90	21	112	49	82	32	114	63	63	38	101	53	47	79
Livingston	109	16	128	20	159	26	200	32	58	8	66	21	84	15	99	31	152	191
Miles City	97	23	125	24	106	16	166	35	91	45	136	62	100	51	151	45	87	97
Missoula	529	161	285	71	948	280	814	212	223	60	283	110	204	50	254	116	614	446
Polson	62	7	46	11	139	28	130	36	60	130	190	62	107	101	208	91	117	116
Shelby	86	27	67	20	179	58	174	40	77	40	117	51	92	51	143	73	111	120
Sidney	69	15	60	28	95	7	56	11	71	100	171	46	84	42	126	52	21	64
Thomp. Falls	55	20	55	22	105	28	177	53	44	7	51	20	25		25	10	121	98
Wolf Point	68	16	80	23	139	32	199	52	47	26	73	19	49	43	92	31	117	130
TOTALS	3,850	988	3,619	950	10,166	2,687	8,586	2,350	3,104	2,181	5,285	1,630	2,939	2,196	5,135	1,791	7,803*	5,490

*Include 147 claims of the Federal Employees UC Program, 97 same a year ago.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN SELECTED MONTANA INDUSTRIES

(Produced in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)
(Hours and earnings data exclude administrative and salaried personnel)

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. (1) 1959	Sep. (2) 1959	Oct. 1958	Oct. (1) 1959	Sep. (2) 1959	Oct. 1958	Oct. (1) 1959	Sep. (2) 1959	Oct. 1958
All Manufacturing	$89.55	$96.56	$94.39	38.6	39.9	41.4	2.32	2.42	2.28
Durable goods	85.31	95.59	94.48	35.4	39.5	40.9	2.41	2.42	2.31
Primary metals	3)	3)	95.27	3)	3)	40.2	3)	3)	2.37
Nondurable goods (4)	95.44	98.01	93.91	42.8	40.5	42.3	2.23	2.42	2.22
Food and kindred products	86.59	87.72	87.94	45.1	43.0	45.8	1.92	2.04	1.92
All Mining	107.02	109.87	98.42	42.3	43.6	40.5	2.53	2.52	2.43
Metal mining	3)	3)	94.53	3)	3)	38.9	3)	3)	2.43
Transportation and Utilities (except rys. (5)	101.36	103.11	95.76						
Transportation (except railroads)	118.03	120.26	111.27						
Utilities and communication	88.48	90.64	85.39	40.4	41.2	39.9	2.19	2.20	2.14

(1) Preliminary estimates. (2) Figures previously released have been revised on more complete returns.
(3) Data not available due to strike in metal mining and primary metals industries. (4) Increase in proportion of lower paid workers—sugar campaign. (5) Increased mileage long distance trucking.

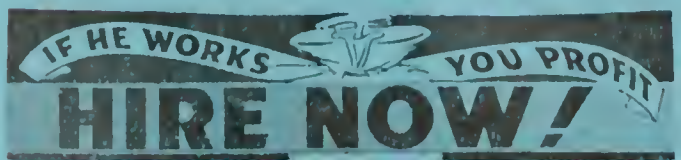
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
COMMISSION OF MONTANA

MITCHELL BUILDING
P. O. Box 1728
HELENA, MONTANA

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY MAIL
United States Postage
Accounted for Under
Act of Congress

Lucile Speer, Librarian
Documents and Serials
Montana State University
Missoula, Montana



CALL YOUR MONTANA STATE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE WHEN YOU NEED QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED WORKERS!

Montana State Library

This cover sheet created by Internet Archive for formatting.